



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Proposed Action

By the

State of Nevada

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Smoky Valley Common Operation**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for the renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0087052 is:

**Round Mountain Gold Corporation  
P.O. Box 480  
Round Mountain, Nevada 89045**

The facility is located on both public and private land in Nye County, within Sections 1, 2, and 3, Township 9 North, Range 43 East; Sections 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 34, 35, and 36, Township 10 North, Range 43 East; Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, and 31, Township 10 North, Range 44 East; Section 6 Township 9 North, Range 44 East; Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 60 miles northeast of Tonopah, Nevada.

The project consists of an open pit mining and chemical beneficiation facility, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 75,000,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of mine, mill, heap leach pads, tailings impoundment, ponds, and wells. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewal Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (March 29, 2007) to:

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**Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249**

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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